

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for concentration of fine particles dispersed in a an aqueous medium dispersion comprising, adding an ionic liquid, which does not dissolve substantially a dispersing aqueous medium of said dispersion, to ~~said~~ the aqueous medium dispersion containing fine particles, wherein the amount of the ionic liquid b mL to be added to 10mL of the aqueous medium containing said fine particles by a mM dispersing concentration is in the range so as the ratio a/b to be at least 0.05, and transferring said fine particles from said aqueous medium dispersion to ~~said~~ the ionic liquid and concentrating ~~said~~ the fine particles into said ionic liquid.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method for concentration of fine particles dispersed in a the aqueous medium dispersion of claim 1, wherein the ionic liquid is an ionic liquid which is liquid at ~~ordinary~~ room temperature.

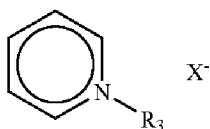
4. (Currently Amended) The method for concentration of fine particles

dispersed in a ~~the aqueous medium dispersion~~ of claim 3, wherein the ionic liquid is an organic ionic liquid.

5. (Currently Amended) The method for concentration of fine particles dispersed in a ~~the aqueous medium dispersion~~ of claim 4, wherein the organic ionic liquid is selected from the group consisting of compounds represented by following formulae 1,

formulae 1

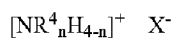
a.



b.



c.



wherein,  $R_3$  and  $R^4$  are an alkyl group of carbon number 1-7,  $n$  is an integer of 1-3,  $R_1$  is an alkyl group which can possess a substitution group of carbon number 1-7,  $X^-$  is selected from the group consisting of  $PF_6^-$ ,  $BF_4^-$ ,  $NO_3^-$ ,  $(CF_3SO_3)_2N^-$ , TFSI $^-$ ,  $Cl^-$  and  $SO_3H^-$ .

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

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9. (Canceled)
10. (Canceled)
11. (Canceled)